



**Livestock and Seed Program
Audit, Review, and Compliance Branch
Quality System Audit Report**

AUDIT INFORMATION

Applicant Name:	Georgia Crop Improvement Association, Inc. (GCIA)
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Auditor(s):	David J. Hildreth
Program:	USDA National Organic Program (NOP)
Audit Date(s):	August 10, 2007
Audit Identifier:	NP7127ACA
Action Required:	No
Audit Type:	Corrective Action Audit
Audit Objective:	To verify that corrective actions adequately address the non-compliances identified during the Surveillance-Accreditation Renewal Audit.
Audit Criteria:	7 CFR Part 205.510, <i>National Organic Program; Final Rule</i> , dated December 21, 2000; Updated September 11, 2006.
Audit Scope:	Submitted corrective actions
Location(s) Audited:	Desk

Georgia Crop Improvement Association (GCIA) submitted corrective actions on July 24, 2007, and the auditor of record received the corrective actions on August 10, 2007.

FINDINGS

The corrective actions submitted by GCIA adequately addressed the non-compliances identified during the accreditation renewal audit.

NP7127ACA.NC1 – Adequately Addressed - NOP §205.403 (e)(2) states, “A copy of the on-site inspection report and any test results will be sent to the inspected operation by the certifying agent.” *The ACA and Program Manager stated that they do not send copies of the inspection report to the inspected operation.* **Corrective Action:** GCIA modified page 5, paragraph 3 of the Georgia Crop Improvement Association Organic Certification Program to indicate that a copy of the inspection report will be mailed to the applicant.



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NP7127ACA.NC2 – Adequately Addressed - NOP §205.501 (a)(6) states, "Conduct an annual performance evaluation of all persons who review applications for certification, perform on-site inspections, review certification documents, evaluate qualifications for certification, make recommendations concerning certification, or make certification decisions and implement measures to correct any deficiencies in certification services." *There have been no annual performance evaluations completed for the committee members.* **Corrective Action:** GCLA added this item to the Georgia Crop Improvement Association Organic Certification Program time line document and will be conducted each April. The annual performance evaluations for the committee members were completed and reviewed by the auditor.

NP7127ACA.NC3 –Adequately Addressed - NOP §205.501 (11)(v) states, "Prevent conflict of interest by: Requiring all persons who review applications for certification, perform on-site inspections, review certification documents, evaluate qualifications for certification, make recommendations concerning certification, or make certification decisions and all parties connected to the certifying agent to complete an annual conflict of interest disclosure report." *There were no annual conflict of interest disclosure reports for the committee members.* **Corrective Action:** GCLA added this item to the Georgia Crop Improvement Association Organic Certification Program time line document and will be conducted each April. The conflict of interest disclosure reports for the committee members were completed and reviewed by the auditor.